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SUBJ: DAKAR CONFERENCE ON NAMIBIA AND HUMAN RIGHTS,
JAN. 5 - 8.

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1. PREPARATIONS ARE CONTINUING IN DAKAR FOR JAN 5-8 CONFERENCE ON NAMIBIA AND HUMANNRIGHTS. FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES AND, MOSTLY RECENTLY, FRENCH AMBASSADOR HAVE RECONFIRMED EXPECTATION REPORTED REFAIRS THAT PRESIDENT KAUNDA WILL BE AMONG THOSE PRESENT FOR CONFERENCE. RECENT FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENTS BY GOS SPOKESMEN HAVE CITED CONFERENCE AS KEY DEMONSTRATION OF SENEGALESE SUPPORT FOR SELF-DETERMINATION IN NAMIBIA.

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2. ALTHOUGH "NATIONAL COMMITTEE" CHARGED WITH PREPARATIONS FOR CONFERENCE HAS BEEN MEETING AT FOREIGN MINISTRY, DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS INFORMED EMBOFFS THAT GOS IS NOT ACTIVE ORGANIZER OF CONFERENCE AND WAS NOT INVOLVED IN SENDING OUT INVITATIONS TO TAKE PART. HE SAID THEY WERE BEING SENT ON INDIVIDUAL BASIS TO DISTINGUISHED JURISTS AND OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS EXPERTS BY SPONSORING INSTITUTIONS WHICH ARE UNDERSTOOD TO INCLUDE: INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (HEADQUARTERED IN STRASBOURG), INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR DEMOCRATIC JURISTS, INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS AND UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA.

3. EMBASSY NOTES SUGGESTION IN STATE 285365 THAT "COMMUNIST-FRONT" ORGANIZATIONS ARE AMONG SPONSORS OF CONFERENCE, AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY AVAILABLE BACKGROUND ON SPONSORING GROUPS.

4. EMBASSY HAS HEARD THAT CONGRESSMAN DIGGS PROBABLY WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN CONFERENCE. SINCE ORGANIZERS REPORTEDLY ANTICIPATE 200 - 300 PARTICIPANTS, EMBASSY ASSUMES THERE MAY BE SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF OTHER AMERICANS TAKING PART. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE ON PROBABLY AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS.

5. FOR USUN: WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING EXTENT OF UN SPONSORSHIP OF THIS MEETING.
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